

Terrazas House, 418 S. Convent Avenue
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 418 S. Convent Ave. (northeast corner of intersection of S. Convent Ave. and W. Kennedy St.) Tucson, Pima Co. Arizona.

USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970

Present Owner
and Occupant: Carmen S. Trejo.

Present Use: Residential.

Significance: This plastered adobe structure, located on the northeast corner of the intersection of South Convent Avenue and W. Kennedy Street, has been owned by only two different families since its construction ca. 1900. It has been well-maintained, the various additions giving it a parapeted appearance. Set flush with the streets, just behind the sidewalk, and on an isolated site location, the house has elements of both the Traditional Sonoran dwelling and the Mission Revival style.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: approximately 1900.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 236, Lot 5, arb. 9.

1893 Deed, April 26, 1893, recorded in Volume 25, page 260.
Jean P. and Julia Charouleau to Romulo Aros.

1901 Deed, March 18, 1901, recorded in Volume 32, page 4.
Aros et al to Brigida H. de Terraza. (Note change of spelling below.)

1918 Deed, May 25, 1918, recorded in Volume 67, page 183.
Guadalupe Terrazas to Ignacia Urias.

1928 Deed, March 7, 1928, recorded in Volume 124, page 51.
Ignacia Urias to Guadalupe Terrazas

- 1943 Deed, April 5, 1943, recorded in Volume 254, page 316.
Guadalupe Terrazas to Ignacia Urias.
- 1945 Deed, April 10, 1945, recorded in Volume 279, page 167.
Guadalupe Terrazas et al to Isaac and Carmen Trejo.
- 1945 Deed, June 6, 1945, recorded in Volume 282, page 58.
Estate of Isaac D. Trejo to Carmen S. Trejo.
- 1955 Deed, October 31, 1955, recorded in Volume 906, page 141.
City of Tucson et al to Carmen S. Trejo.

4. Builder: Unknown.

5. Alterations and additions: A small frame porch was added to the rear of the house between 1914-1919, and removed before 1948. The dwelling was converted to two apartments between 1914-1919, and became three apartments between 1919 and 1948. The structure has since been reconverted to a single-family residence.

B. Significant Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

This home was built for the Terrazas family who occupied it until the 1920s. The Terrazas family came to Tucson from Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, in the 1870s. The son, with his wife, Brigida, and his two sisters, Ygnacia Terrazas Urias, and Guadalupe Aros Terrazas, all lived at this residence. The family retained ownership of the dwelling until 1945 though renting it to other tenants after they moved. Isaac and Carmen Trejo began renting the house in 1933, and eventually purchased the dwelling from the Terrazas. Isaac Trejo was the son of Nicholas Trejo who owned the El Durango cafe at 492-494 S. Convent Ave. Carmen, Isaac's widow, still occupies this dwelling.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION (See Significance, above, and Barrio Libre
(Barrio Histórico) (HABS No. AZ-73) for site plan and historical background essay.)

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Arizona Historical Society clipbooks (Guadalupe Terrazas, Ygnacia Terrazas Urias)

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.

Tract Books, Pioneer Title Insurance Company (Microfilm, Recorder's records).

Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.

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